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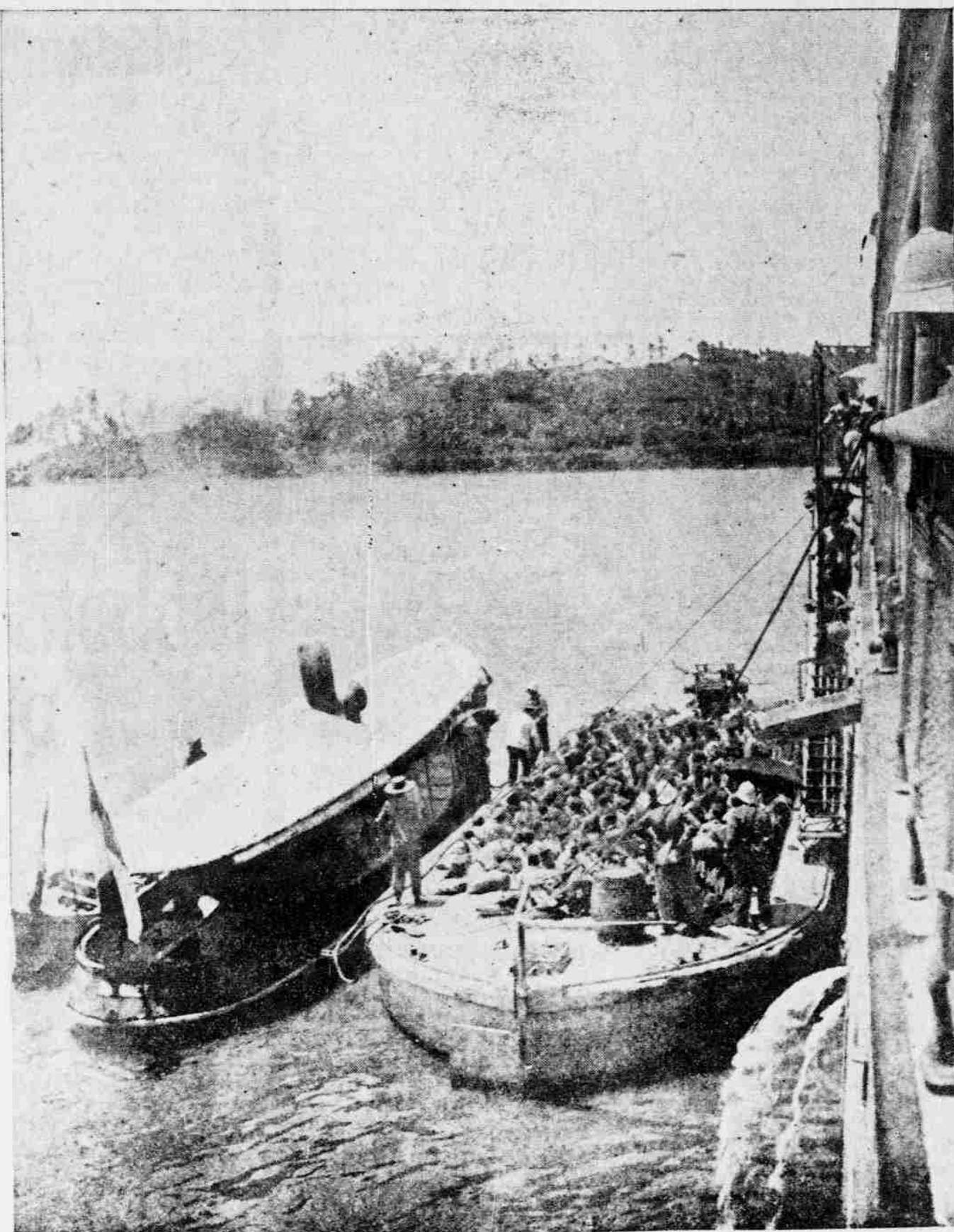
**KING MANUEL
TO MARRY**

The announcement that King Manuel of Portugal is to marry Princess Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg has not caused the earth to depart from its usual orbit. There are really so many of these princesses that it is hard to keep track of them, their births, marriages, and deaths. Of course we all know who King Manuel is, although it would be safe to say that not one in ten of us had ever heard of him before the assassination of his father raised him to the throne. The general impression we then formed of him was a good one. He had a good-tempered, boyish face, but all the pleasant signs of youth are said to have disappeared under the cares of state.

We may have a liking for King Manuel and yet be utterly at a loss to understand why any sensible girl should be willing to marry him, unless he should consent to abdicate and to lead a life that is not quite so strenuous as his present one. Portugal is notoriously on the verge of revolution. The king and his mother are practically prisoners in the palace, exposed to the insults of the populace, and compelled to acquiesce in the public celebrations that have marked the anniversary of the royal assassination. The men responsible for that crime, the men who actually committed it, have not been punished. At least one of them has been rewarded, and the king can hardly show his face in the street without being affronted and threatened with the same fate that befell his father. And yet this boy whose life is not worth an hour's purchase, whose royal dignities are a mere mockery and pretense, can find a princess who is willing to marry him and so become a poor, pitiful queen whose only kingdom will be the fragile unrealities of a court etiquette that may be tolerable when the loyalty of a nation is behind it, but that must surely be unbearable when it has become a mere screen against popular contempt and dislike.

Princess Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg is the youngest daughter of the late Duke of Edinburgh and she is therefore King Edward's niece. Was it not the Duke of Edinburgh who became a naturalized German? In this case the young lady will not have to ask the consent of the English king, but it is hardly likely that this would be refused, seeing that Princess Victoria was allowed to marry the King of Spain, who is nearly as much of a "detrimental" as his royal brother of Portugal. As a matter of fact there is very little choice for the young princesses of today. The number of kings is limited, while there seems to be no limit to the number of their daughters. Royal ladies of marriageable age must take what offers and without too much regard for the stability of the throne that goes with it.

Patron—Have you pigs' feet? Waiter—No, sir. It's a bunton makes me walk that way.—Scranton Truth.



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